

December 6, 2002

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
ET Docket No. 95-18; IB Docket 01-185; ET Docket 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 4, 2002, on behalf of ICO Global Communications, Gerry Salemme, Suzanne Hutchings and ICO Counsel Cheryl Tritt met with Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps. ICO emphasized the importance of an expeditious decision in the mobile satellite service ("MSS") flexibility proceeding to enable global MSS systems to proceed with financing and roll-out of their business plans. ICO noted that rules relating to ancillary MSS terrestrial services should not operate to dictate a specific technology for all licenses, nor freeze MSS licensees' ability to enhance the technology of their mobile end user terminals over the life of their licenses. Rather, the Commission should rely upon market-based incentives to ensure that MSS licensees focus their services primarily on rural and underserved markets.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an electronic copy of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Suzanne Hutchings
Suzanne Hutchings
ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd.

cc: Paul Margie